

--- “Series of 1897” - 15 POUNDS - Black - COUPON - the “Widow Queen” - scanned at 65% scale ---

--- Recess printed on horizontal mesh wove - with 4½ mm. red controls - imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” ---

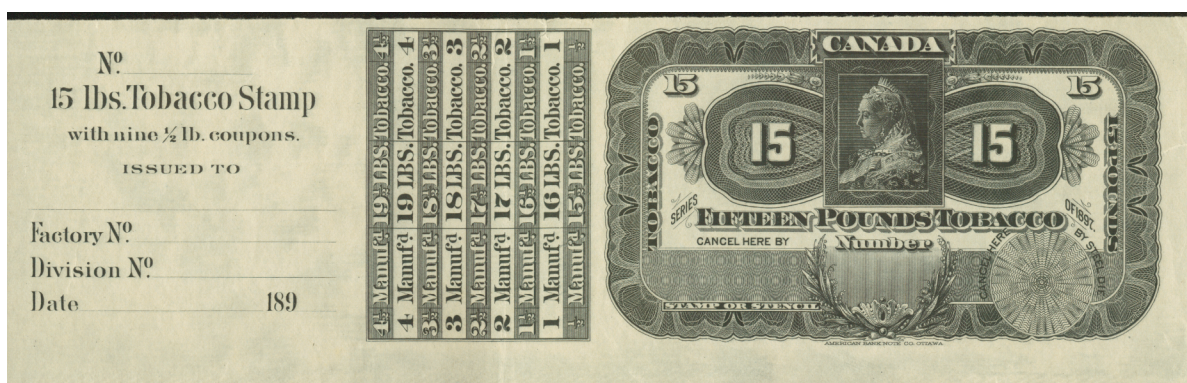
--- coarse roulette - design is 115 x 60 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons ---

The catalogue lists the recess printed fifteen pounds black “Series of 1897” Coupon stamps as:

RM-327b - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - without control numbering,
with nine ½ pound coupons and a **189**_ stub

RM-327 - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - with 4½ mm. **red controls**,
with nine ½ pound coupons and a **190**_ stub

RM-328 - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - with 4½ mm. **violet controls**,
with nine ½ pound coupons and a **19**_ stub



★**RM-327b** - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, without control numbering,
on vertical mesh wove, with nine ½ lb. coupons, and an **189**_ stub - scanned at 65% scale



★**RM-327b CRP** - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, CWCS, without control numbering,
on vertical mesh wove, with nine ½ lb. coupons and an **189**_ stub,
stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** - scanned at 65% scale

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with nine ½ pound coupons and a 190_ stub



★RM-327 - clipped at 17½ pounds, black, coarse roulette, control **447341**, on horizontal mesh wove



★RM-327n SP - 15 pounds, black, a scissor cut imperforate plate proof, with nine ½ pound coupons and a 190_ stub,
on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **SPECIMEN** - from the 1990 ABN New York Sale - scanned at 65% scale



★RM-327 - clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, control number **875961**,
on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / C-3** - from Plate No. 5

015775
082282
082759
082991

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clipped at 17½ pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
15 pounds, black, CWC, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove

138127	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
147341 ★	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
230456	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - Plate 2
249381	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
330042	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
466779 ★	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
511071	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
618550	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
618552	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
618555	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
618557	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
618558	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
618559	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
618562	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
618563	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
655557	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
618570	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
663069	RM-327	clipped at 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / ★36★ / TOBACCO
807149	RM-327	clipped at 17½ pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
856321	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove
875961 ★	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / C-3 - from Plate No. 5
1195383	RM-327	clipped at 17 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / 1-17
2969159	RM-327	clipped at 18 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled TOBACCO / 1-17

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the American Bank Note roll No. G-622 for the “Series of 1897” fifteen pound coupon stamp. His data, as listed, gives the roll destroyed as from the “Series of 1915”, but the plates listed as destroyed were from the “Series of 1897” - which I presume was correct, since the high plate numbers., which follow below, do not seem to correspond to the usage of a fifteen pound “1915” coupon stamp.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plate No. 15 and 16 for the fifteen pound “Series of 1897” coupon stamp. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal. These two paragraphs are taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan. These 10 impression plates were probably arranged as 2 x 5 stamps - JBH.

There was no recorded listing by Lee Brandom for a “Series of 1915” black coupon stamp larger than 10 pounds, except for his *control-free* 60 pound stamp. If the roll G-622 listed above as from “1915” was actually used for production, the stamp has gone undiscovered.

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RM-328 - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - with 4½ mm. *violet controls*, with nine ½ pound coupons and a **19__** stub



★**RM-328 SP** - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, CWCS, control **4066007**, on horizontal mesh wove, with nine ½ lb. coupons and a **19__** stub, stamped *Sample* six times

4066007 ★ **RM-328 SP** 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, CWCS, on horizontal mesh medium wove, with nine ½ lb. coupons and a **19__** stub, stamped *Sample* six times



★**RM-327n** - 15 pounds, black, coarse roulette, CWC, without control numbering, recess printed on vertical mesh wove, with nine ½ lb. coupons - see the following Bileski letter

1897 TOBACCO REVENUE JUBILEE

Many years ago I purchased from the estate of a Chief Customs officer a sample book of revenues. In it were the enclosed, the like of which I have never seen elsewhere and I do believe each of the enclosed 6 are unique.

These are the facts:

10 1b	value known exist as a stamp but ONLY numbered.
15 1b	" " " " " " " " " "
20 1b	" " " " " " " " " "

All 3 as above are not numbered and are marked for 2 of them as "SAMPLE."

35 1b	value - it is numbered but is also marked SAMPLE
60 1b	" " " " " " " " " "
70 1b	" " " " " " " " " "

(last is torn and has been repatched).

What is of great interest is last 3 are not known to exist at all as ISSUED stamps!

The extremely rich engraving was, of course, done for a purpose. The Designers were the American Bank Note Co. who had also designed the 1847 Jubilee stamps and all this was done to produce the finest possible work in Canadian postage and revenues in honor of 30 years of Canada as a nation and 60 years of Victoria Jubilee.

This unique set of 6 - \$200.00.

K. Bileski

410 TP Sample
M-412 TP
414 TP Sample